

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Alabama Act 89-824, codified at §§ 22-27-40 through 49, Code of Alabama (1975), the Baldwin County Commission hereby issues public notification of its intent to consider the siting of a new solid waste management facility in Bay Minette, Alabama, which facility and location are further described below.

To review a copy of both the local solid waste management plan and the application, please visit, during normal business hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the location referenced below:

Baldwin County Solid Waste Department (Magnolia Landfill)
15093 Landfill Drive
Summerdale, Alabama

The Baldwin County Waste Siting Board solicits public comments and invites all interested citizens to attend a public hearing, on **Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.** in the Baldwin County Commission Chambers in the Administrative Building located at 322 Courthouse Square, Bay Minette, Alabama, at which time the following permitting application will be addressed:

-Application to open a Transfer Station. The permitting application being considered will allow Baldwin County Solid Waste to submit a new permit application to the Alabama Department of Public Health for the construction of a new transfer station to be located at the end of Redhill Road Extension. If the application is approved, the current Bay Minette Transfer Station (Alabama Department of Public Health Permit Number 05-15-001) located at 43205 Nicholsville Road, Bay Minette, AL 36507 will cease operations. Application for the new site is being considered to accommodate continued growth and industrial expansion, providing adequate disposal services to all areas of Baldwin County.

The proposed site is within unincorporated Baldwin County. The site is owned and operated by the Baldwin County Commission through the Solid Waste Department. The application for the transfer station permit is consistent with the Baldwin County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan, which plan is available for review at Magnolia Landfill, 15093 Landfill Drive, Summerdale, AL 36580.

The Baldwin County Commission shall make a discretionary decision to approve or disapprove the siting of the transfer station. In determining whether to approve the siting of the new solid waste management facility, the Baldwin County Commission shall consider the following criteria, outlined by § 22-27-48(c), Code of Alabama (1975):

- (1) The consistency of the proposal with solid waste management needs as identified in the solid waste management plan.

- (2) The relationship of the proposal to local planned or existing development or the absence thereof, to major transportation arteries and to existing state primary and secondary roads.
- (3) The location of a proposed facility in relationship to existing industries in the state that generate large volumes of solid waste, or the relationship to the areas projected for development of industries that will generate solid waste.
- (4) Costs and availability of public services, facilities and improvements required to support a proposed facility and protect public health, safety, and the environment.
- (5) The impact of a proposed facility on public safety and provisions made to minimize the impact on public health and safety.
- (6) The social and economic impacts on the affected community, including changes in property values, and social or community perception.

The approval process as established in § 22-27-48.1, Code of Alabama (1975), will be as follows:

June 20, 2023 - Baldwin County Commission formally received application, approved Public Comment Period, Public Hearing and Public Awareness Meeting advertisements. Within ten (10) days, notice shall be provided to adjacent property owners via certified mail and general public via, newspaper, public service announcements, and on the Baldwin County Commissions' website, www.baldwincountyal.gov.

July 21, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m. - Public Awareness Session, **Baldwin County Commission Chambers, Administrative Building, 322 Courthouse Square, Bay Minette, Alabama**, during which the applicant shall provide general information on the proposal and address questions and concerns of the affected community. Members of the public may submit written questions or comments germane to the proposal.

August 1, 2023 @ 8:30 a.m. - Public Hearing and Public Comment Review. The public may submit written comments at any time up to the conclusion of the hearing. The Baldwin County Commission shall have thirty (30) days following the Public Hearing to make its decision to approve or disapprove the proposal.

If the Baldwin County Commission grants approval of the application, applicant shall petition the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama for a determination pursuant to § 22-27-48.1(i), Code of Alabama (1975), of whether the proper requirements and time frames were complied with,

whether such approval is consistent with the solid waste management plan, and whether the proper criteria was considered.

All interested persons seeking to obtain additional information, to review a copy of the local solid waste management plan and the application are asked to please contact:

Mrs. Terri Graham
Development and Environmental Director
Telephone (251) 972-6878
Email solidwastedirector@baldwincountyal.gov

Interested persons can obtain or can review copies of both the local solid waste management plan and the application, and the time frame for public hearings and involvement can do so at the following address:

Magnolia Landfill
15093 Landfill Drive
Summerdale, AL 36580.

The public may submit written comments to the governing body via email or regular mail to the following:

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